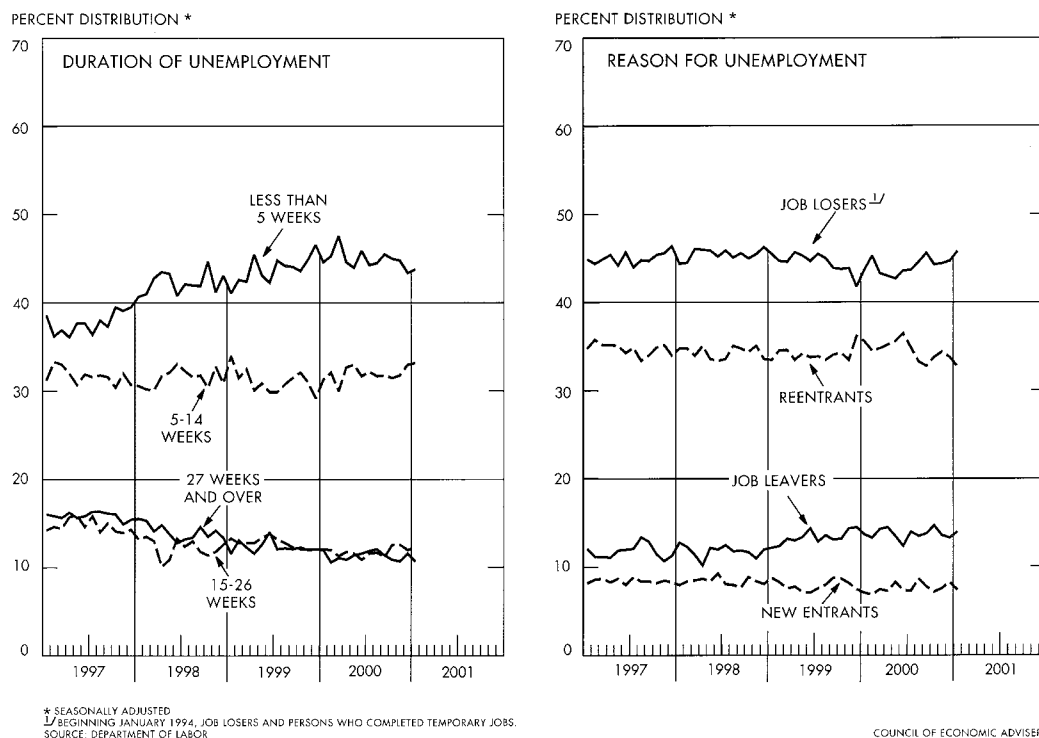


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In January, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks, for 5–14 weeks, and for 15–26 weeks rose; the percentage for 27 weeks and over fell. The mean duration of unemployment was unchanged at 12.6 weeks and the median duration fell to 5.9 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thousands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unem- ployment, all regular program (unadjusted) ²
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job los- ers ¹	Job leav- ers	Reen- trants	New en- trants	Insured unem- plov- ment	Initial claims	
		Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Average (mean)	Median							
Weekly average, thousands														
1991	8,628	40.3	32.4	14.4	12.9	13.7	6.8	54.4	11.6	24.8	9.2	3,342	447	3,406
1992	9,613	35.1	29.4	15.1	20.3	17.7	8.7	56.1	10.4	23.8	9.7	3,245	408	3,348
1993	8,940	36.5	28.9	14.5	20.1	18.0	8.3	54.2	10.9	24.6	10.3	2,751	341	2,845
1994 ³	7,996	34.1	30.1	15.5	20.3	18.8	9.2	47.7	9.9	34.8	7.6	2,670	340	2,739
1995	7,404	36.5	31.6	14.6	17.3	16.6	8.3	46.9	11.1	34.1	7.8	2,572	357	2,633
1996	7,236	36.4	31.6	14.6	17.4	16.7	8.3	46.6	10.7	34.7	8.0	2,595	356	2,650
1997	6,739	37.7	31.7	14.8	15.8	15.8	8.0	45.1	11.8	34.7	8.4	2,323	323	2,366
1998	6,210	42.2	31.4	12.3	14.1	14.5	6.7	45.5	11.8	34.3	8.4	2,222	321	2,257
1999	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219
2000	5,655	45.0	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.1	13.7	34.6	7.6	2,110	301	2,142
2000: Jan	5,669	44.6	31.3	12.1	12.0	12.9	5.8	43.7	13.7	35.6	7.1	2,082	281	2,844
Feb	5,740	45.3	32.1	12.0	10.6	12.5	6.1	45.3	13.3	34.5	6.9	2,097	283	2,663
Mar	5,692	47.6	30.0	11.3	11.1	12.7	6.0	43.3	14.3	34.8	7.5	2,000	265	2,289
Apr	5,597	44.6	32.7	11.8	10.9	12.5	6.0	43.0	14.5	35.2	7.3	1,966	278	2,161
May	5,730	44.0	33.0	11.6	11.4	12.6	5.9	42.7	13.5	35.6	8.3	1,975	291	1,882
June	5,574	45.9	31.7	10.9	11.6	12.5	5.9	43.6	12.4	36.5	7.4	2,063	302	1,802
July	5,648	44.3	32.2	11.6	11.9	13.2	5.9	43.7	14.0	34.9	7.3	2,120	295	2,199
Aug	5,785	44.5	31.7	11.7	12.1	13.0	6.1	44.6	13.5	33.3	8.7	2,160	313	1,932
Sept	5,537	45.5	31.8	11.2	11.4	12.1	5.3	45.6	13.8	32.8	7.8	2,157	307	1,767
Oct	5,536	45.0	31.5	12.6	10.9	12.4	6.1	44.3	14.7	33.8	7.2	2,190	313	1,898
Nov	5,658	44.8	31.8	12.6	10.7	12.4	6.1	44.4	13.6	34.4	7.6	2,278	345	1,942
Dec	5,653	43.4	33.0	12.0	11.6	12.6	6.1	44.7	13.3	33.8	8.3	2,449	356	2,388
2001: Jan	5,956	43.8	33.2	12.3	10.7	12.6	5.9	45.8	14.0	32.7	7.4	327

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Railroad (RR) programs included through 1993. Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

³ Data beginning January 1994 are not directly comparable with data for earlier periods.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).